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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 CFR § 1.97 AND § 1.98**

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Sir:

Pursuant to Applicants' duty of disclosure, enclosed please find a copy of an Office Action mailed September 21, 2004, in connection with Application No. 09/790,539, filed February 23, 2001. Application No. 09/790,539 claims priority under 35 USC §120 based upon a same prior application upon which priority is claimed under 35 USC §120 in the above-identified application. Also enclosed is a Form PTO/SB/08A, listing the enclosed documents.

Note that in the enclosed Office Action the Examiner applied International (PCT) Application Publication No. WO98/10007 to Nakamoto, et al., which the Examiner indicates "identically corresponds to US 6,096,838 to Nakamoto et al." U.S. Patent No. 6,096,838 to Nakamoto, et al. has been submitted in the above-

identified application, with the Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR § 1.97 & 1.98 submitted May 23, 2002. In any event, also enclosed herewith is a copy of the aforementioned No. WO98/10007.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted prior to a first Office Action on the merits in the above-identified application. Accordingly, requirements of 37 CFR § 1.97(b) are satisfied.

To the extent that the enclosed documents are not in English, attention is respectfully directed to U.S. Patent No. 6,096,838 which is already of record in the above-identified application, which the Examiner in the enclosed Office Action contends identically corresponds to No. WO 98/10007.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all applicable requirements of 37 CFR § 1.97 and § 1.98 are satisfied, in connection with each of the documents listed on the enclosed Form. Accordingly, consideration of the listed documents, upon examination of the above-identified application, is respectfully requested.

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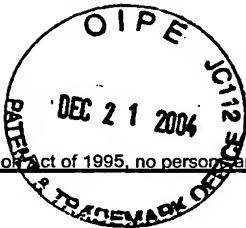
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